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The Hon. LaShann DeArcy Hall
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: *United States v. Ashiqul Alam*, No. 19 Cr. 280 (LDH)

Your Honor:

This office represents Ashiqul Alam. I respectfully request that the status conference currently scheduled for January 8, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. be adjourned for 30 days. The government does not object.

The reason for this application is that I am waiting to review with Mr. Alam certain materials provided by the government in connection with plea negotiations. In-person visitation is currently prohibited at the MDC, and because Mr. Alam's unit is under quarantine due to an outbreak of Covid-19, the facility is not permitting video calls either. In light of this delay and ongoing plea negotiations, the defense does not object to the exclusion of speedy trial time in the interim.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Counsel of record (by ECF)